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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application of Ilona Lange, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1712 : :
Appln. No.:	09/857,635	: Examiner: Philip C. Tucker : :
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For:	ROCK AND SOIL SEALING COM- POSITIONS CONTAINING SILICA SOLS AND HARDNESS STABILIZERS, AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME	: Attorney Docket No.: H 3243 PCT/US : :

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2003 (Paper No. 9), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed as a Petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including December 3, 2003, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections, in light of the following remarks.